GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2468
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LAND REFORM
DUKHA BHAGAT

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the land reforms remained on paper only in some States leading to benami transactions;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard, State-wise;

(c) the total area of additional land to be distributed among the landless agriculture labourers, State-wise;

(d) the steps taken to make land reforms a reality during the Eighth Five Year Plan along with the achievement made in this regard;

(e) the details of proposals received in this regard and the target fixed for the purpose during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(f) whether the Naxal movement led to such fictitious land reforms; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (Shri A.Raja)

(a) & (b) The Land Reforms is under exclusive legislative and administrative jurisdiction of the States as per Entry No. 18 of List II (State List) of the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution and Central Government is playing only an advisory and coordinating role. Even then Agrarian Reforms remained as a central issue of our National Agenda since Independence for rural reconstruction ensuring social justice to actual tillers as well as landless rural poor .It is not correct to say that land reforms remained on paper only in some States. As a result of the implementation of various land reform programme since Independence till December,1999 following achievements have been made :
- Intermediaries abolished on 15 million acres of land and ownership rights granted to 20 million tillers.
- An area of 5.26 Million Acres of ceiling surplus land has been distributed to 5.46 million rural poor.
- An area of 14.74 million acres of Government wasteland and 2.18 million acres of Bhoodan land has also been distributed among the eligible rural poor.
- An area of 161.53 Million Acres has been consolidated in the country.
- 12.42 Million tenants have their rights protected over an area of 15.63 Million Acres of land.
- 0.43 Million Acres of alienated land has been restored to Scheduled Tribes.

(c) It is not possible to quantify the additional land to be distributed among the landless agricultural labourers as the targets for distribution are fixed yearly on the basis of net area available at the end of each financial year (31st March).

(d) During Eighth Plan various land reforms programmes were reviewed in the conferences of Revenue Ministers and Revenue Secretaries. The decisions arrived at in these conferences were forwarded to State Governments/UT Administration for taking appropriate action. The achievements of land Reform are given above in reply to parts (a) & (b) of the Question.

(e) The targets for distribution of ceiling surplus land are fixed under point No.5-A of Twenty Point Programmes (TPP) . The State-wise targets fixed during the Ninth Five year Plan from 1997-98 to 2000-2001 are given in the Annexure.

(f)&(g) It cannot be said that Naxal movement led to fictitious land reforms, as it has not been proved through empirical studies undertaken by various organisations.

ANNEXURE

Annexure referred to in reply to Part (e) of the Lok Sabha Unstarred Question No.2468 due for answer on 8.8.2000

Targets for Distribution of Ceiling Surplus Land during Ninth Five year Plan (1997-2001)

(In Acres)

Sl.No.	Name of the State	Target	Target	Target	Tentative targets

	1997-98	1998-99	99-2000	2000-2001
1. Andhra Pradesh	10000	12290	11826	2000
2. Assam	10000	10000	19264	Nil
3. Bihar	3720	2820	1418	50
4. Gujarat	1500	2000	858	242
5. Haryana	890	510	366	75
6. Karnataka	1780	1000	1000	1500
7 Kerala	2700	2600	3846	600
8. Madhya Pradesh	5910	19150	1036	1000
9. Maharashtra	1670	2600	600	300
10. Orissa	740	670	572	50
11. Pondicherry	190	220	45	Nil
12. Punjab	1150	50	6	Nil
13. Rajasthan	3150	1370	1003	500
14. Tamil Nadu	2550	2110	-	1500
15. Tripura	-	-	-	Nil
16. Uttar Pradesh	5000	5000	500	500
17. D & N Haveli	350	340	-	Nil
18. West Bengal	1000	2835	2500	5000
GRAND TOTAL:	52300	65565	44840	13317